

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED SAN JOSE CREEK TRAIL PROJECT

Date: March 28, 2016

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has prepared and intends to adopt a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Point Lobos Ranch unit, Monterey County

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The San Jose Creek Trail Project is a 1.5-mile trail that will connect the Department of Parks and Recreation's Point Lobos Ranch unit to Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) Palo Corona Regional Park, specifically to the Whisler Wilson Ranch. An existing dirt road where the San Jose Creek Trail Project is planned traverses through DPR's Point Lobos Ranch (PLR) unclassified unit to provide access to the Palo Corona Regional Park on the access easement are now held by MPRPD. This document is a Subsequent IS/MND to the Whisler Wilson Road Improvement Project IS/MND prepared by Monterey County as the lead agency in 2006 (SCH#2006041068). In 2014, Monterey County (County) approved a minor and trivial permit amendment revising the Whisler Wilson Road Improvement Project to the San Jose Creek Trail Project, reducing the scope to a public access trail with three pedestrian bridges across San Jose Creek. This Draft Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the San Jose Creek Trail Project has now been prepared by DPR as the lead agency for the addition of a 25-space trailhead parking area that was not addressed in the previously adopted MND.

<u>PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD</u>: The Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning March 28, 2016. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Joan Carpenter at 2211 Garden Road, Monterey CA 93940 or by email at joan.carpenter@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than April 27, 2016 to the following address:

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Copies of the Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

California State Parks Monterey District 2211 Garden Road Monterey, CA 93940 Monterey Public Library 625 Pacific Street, Monterey CA 93940

Online: www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=980